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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OH ET AL.

Examiner

Bryan J Fox

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 May 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boltz et al (US005943620A).

Regarding claim 19, Boltz et al discloses a method for associating one directory number or MSISDN, which reads on the claimed "MIN" with two mobile stations or IMSI numbers within a mobile telecommunications network, which reads on the claimed "method of facilitating operation of multiple mobile stations concurrently under a common MIN". When an incoming call is processed for the MSISDN number, which reads on the claimed "MIN-based termination", it is routed to the active station, or IMSI number. If both stations are currently activated, the mobile station preassigned as the primary mobile station is then identified and the incoming call connection is thereafter rerouted to the primary mobile station, so the MIN-based termination is allowed to only one mobile station at a time (see column 2, lines 11-33 and column 6, line 66 – column 7, line 6). The "primary" designation reads on the claimed "restricting registration of the mobile stations such that the common MIN is associated with only one registered

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mobile station that is arranged to respond to a MIN-based termination message. Boltz et al does further disclose that if both mobile stations are active and the primary station is busy, an incoming call may be rerouted to the secondary station. Therefore, Boltz et al fails to disclose associating the common MIN to only one registered MS as recited in the claim. However, one skilled in the art would have recognized that the above difference would not render the claim patentable over Boltz et al, because it would merely depend on how many registered mobile stations one would like to associate with the common MIN. In addition, if one would like to have a back-up call routing, then he should associate the common MIN to more than one MS as disclosed in Boltz. However, if one would like to have a simpler system than he should associate the common MIN to only one MS.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Boltz et such as the common MIN is associated with only one registered mobile station in order to make a simpler product and provide for simpler operation.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-18 allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bryan J Fox whose telephone number is (703) 305-8994. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on (703) 305-4379. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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